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AMENDMENT

In response to the Office Action dated January 3, 2002, Applicants submit the following amendments and remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend Claim 1 as shown in marked-up form in Appendix A and in clean form as follows:

1. (Amended) A side-emitting illumination device for uniformly distributing light comprising:

an LED light source,

a light-transmitting rod which permits total internal reflection, and

outcoupling material affixed to an outer surface of the rod, wherein the outcoupling material affixed to an outer surface of the rod controls the angular distribution of light leaving the side of the rod.

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